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MASONS AT BANQUET

Great Scottish Rite Feast on Maundy Thursday Held.

SILENT TOAST TO PIKE

President Taft Lauded by Dr. Abram Simon.

SYMBOLIC LIGHTS PUT OUT

Rose Croix Knights Conduct Secret Ceremony Peculiar to Day of Masonic Calendar.

The solemn ceremony of extinguishing the symbolic lights, the ritual of Evangelist Chapter, Knights of Rose Croix, A. A. S. R., for Maundy Thursday, and purely esoteric in character, was followed by the "indispensable banquet," the great feast of the year in Scottish Rite Masonry, at Scottish Rite Cathedral, 1007 G street northwest, last night.

The symbolic rites were open to those only who are members of the order. They were conducted, in the absence of Wise Master Ellwood P. Morey, who is in Mexico, by Fred M. Bock, as acting wise master. He also was toastmaster at the banquet.

The banquet began with an invocation by Judge Ivory G. Kimball. Six toasts were drunk, one in silence to Albert Pike, central figure of American Scottish Rite Masonry.

Dr. Simon Lauds Taft. In responding to the toast, "The President of the United States," the Rev. Dr. Abram Simon paid tribute to President Taft, whose life, he said, is that of an open book that records in all his field of action from his schoolboy days to his present exalted position the fact that he lives up to certain fixed principles.

"He represents," said Dr. Simon, "all that is best in our American life and civilization. Above and beyond all others he is the Maundy Thursday President of the United States. His whole career breathes the spirit of good fellowship and pacification."

"His administration is going to mark the tightest union of the most diverse forces we have ever witnessed. He will break down the barriers of the past and blaze the way to a more glorious future. His character, which is the source of his glory in the limelight nor its courage in quarrels and the provocation of his fellow-men, but with that calm, quiet love of his fellow-man in his heart, his lofty principles and love of country, tempered with a well balanced judicial mind, he makes his mark."

Referring to President Taft's work in the Philippines, Dr. Simon said he had transplanted in a few short months to those islands, people with good and trusting Malays and others who were utterly ignorant of American life and its methods, which he had taken those who had lived before him more than a hundred years to develop in this country.

"He is the first Anglo-Saxon," said the speaker, "ever actually accepted and acknowledged by the brown men of the Orient as a brother."

Dr. Simon promised that during his administration President Taft would bring into closer fellowship and harmony with one another all classes of the people. "He is now writing," said Dr. Simon, "the best canto in American glory and American democracy in reconciling the spirit of American life and the spirit of America and her experiment in the eyes of the Orient, in the eyes of the whole world."

Toast to Blue Lodge. Grand Master Henry K. Simpson, in responding to the toast, "The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the District of Columbia," lauded the blue lodge.

"The Maundy Thursday Sentiment," was responded to by Thomas C. Noyes. In his address he referred to the struggle among mankind from the remotest ages of antiquity for power and control, developing in its course the thought of man for what he has and not for what he is.

Here and there throughout the annals of time, said Mr. Noyes, we find a sublime character, teacher, scientist, that comes like a flash of lightning and pierces the darkness into the heavens and reaches God. Such were Moses, Socrates, Buddha and Jesus of Nazareth. All these lights concentrate at one point and reveal to us one God, the God of all men, races and creeds, and that that God is the God of all men, Jesus more clearly than all the others taught the doctrine of love for our fellowmen, the love for humanity that stands out and apart from all the great truths of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. He was the great exemplar of the love that serves.

Frank E. McMillin answered to the toast "Our Country." He symbolically interpreted the meaning of the component elements of the national flag.

History of Masonry. "The Universality of Masonry," the last toast of the evening, was responded to by Harry Rothschild, who traced the origin of the fraternity back into the early ages of the world and its spread among all nations and tongues of the earth.

Mr. Rothschild explained that Masonry was brought from the east to the western world by the Phoenicians. It was a fraternity of practical builders, architects and artificers, whose art and skill were manifested in the construction of the most beautiful temples the world has ever seen.

For eight centuries Masonry continued an operative fraternity. It has now become a purely moral and benevolent association, whose great aim is the cultivation and development of the moral sentiment, the social principle and the benevolent affections, a higher reverence for God and a warmer love for mankind.

At the conclusion of the festivities "America" was sung by all present in chorus.

During the symbolic rites J. Walter Humphrey sang "Nature's Adoration," by Beethoven; "Within This Sacred Dwelling," from "The Magic Flute," by Mozart; and "The Holy City," by Adams.

Faraway Visitors. In addition to a large attendance, representing the leading lights in Masonry of the District, and especially the Scottish Rite, visitors from other jurisdictions were present, as follows: Dr. Austin B. Chamberlain, secretary general of the Supreme Council and sovereign grand inspector general for Texas; H. M. Snyder, Army Consistory, Leavenworth, Kan.; E. C. K. Rogers, Army Consistory, Little Rock; Cyrus Kehr, Tennessee Consistory, Memphis; Charles H. Barth, K. C. C. H., Army Consistory, Leavenworth, Kan.; T. J. D. J. S. Cotton, Oriental Consistory, Spokane, Wash.; Miller G. Sherwood, Central City Consistory, Syracuse, N. Y.; Harry C. Fithian, Williamsport Consistory, Pennsylvania; P. L. Coultry, Ohio Consistory, Cincinnati; F. A. Strickland, Topoka Consistory, Kansas; J. H. Shepherd, Indian Consistory, Oklahoma; E. L. Rohm, Harrison Consistory, Pennsylvania; C. C. Calhoun, Louisville Consistory, Kentucky; Judson S. Hill, Cincinnati Consistory, Ohio; Clarence T. McIntyre, Houston Consistory, Texas; Representative L. E. Hanna, thirty-third degree, Fargo Consistory, North Dakota; W. J. Morrison, Fargo Consistory, North Dakota; and Harry C. Perdue, Pittsburg Consistory, Pennsylvania.

Bathhouses for Chicago Schools. CHICAGO, April 9.—A bath for every pupil in the elementary schools once a week if he needs it is the motto under which the board of education is proceeding in a movement for personal cleanliness in the schools. Work of installing new bathhouses will begin immediately.

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EASTER CONCERT BY FILIPINOS

CONSTABULARY BAND TO PLAY SUNDAY NIGHT.

Native Musicians and the Educational Value of Their Tour of the United States.

The Philippines Constabulary Band, the famous musical organization directed by Captain W. H. Loving, was brought to Washington last month to play its Constabulary Band in Washington to lead the inaugural parade down Pennsylvania avenue. It cannot be in Manila to give the distinction and pleasure of a certain quarter.

"While the people of Manila received with pardonable pride Mr. Taft's invitation to send Loving and his gifted musicians all the way across the Pacific and the American continent, they parted with their favorites with a pang. The Manila Times in an editorial said: 'If the Constabulary Band goes to Washington to lead the inaugural parade down Pennsylvania avenue it cannot be in Manila to give the distinction and pleasure of a certain quarter.'"

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MARINES MUST SERVE ON SHIP

OTHERWISE NO PAY, SAYS ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Act of Congress Within Its Rights and Course Approved in Restoring Them to Sea Duty.

The opinion of the Attorney General just received at the Navy Department, is the latest chapter in the crisis through which the Marine Corps has recently passed.

The opinion justifies Secretary Meyer in his order, made shortly after he took the navy portfolio, that the marines should be put back upon the few battleships from which they had been taken by order of President Roosevelt, and that upon all battleships the complement of marines should be 8 per cent of the enlisted men, according to the provision of Congress.

Secretary Meyer's chief reason for asking the opinion of the Department of Justice, it is stated, was that if the question of the constitutionality of the provision should arise regarding the pay of the Marine Corps the opinion of the Attorney General would be at hand.

Opinion of Attorney General. The opinion, which is of great interest to all branches of the military service, follows:

"I have your favor of March 9, 1909, calling my attention to a proviso in the act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1910, as follows:

"Provided, That no part of the appropriations herein made for the Marine Corps shall be expended for the purposes for which said appropriations are made unless officers and enlisted men shall serve as heretofore on board all battleships and armored cruisers, and also upon such other vessels of the navy as the President may by order direct to be attached to the fleet."

"You say that entertaining doubt, in view of the terms and effect of this provision, respecting its constitutionality, you request for the guidance of your department the opinion of the Attorney General thereon. In reply I beg to state that I have no doubt of the constitutionality of the provision of the statute which you quote."

"The Constitution, by article I, section 8, provides that the Congress shall have power to raise and support armies, to provide and maintain a navy; to make rules for the government and regulation of the land and naval forces."

"This power to raise and support armies and provide and maintain a navy is plenary and without limitation or restriction, and Congress is the sole judge of how the army or navy shall be raised and of what it shall be composed. It may create a marine corps or it may, in its wisdom, determine that no marine corps is requisite."

"The particular statute to which you direct my attention is somewhat novel in that while providing for a marine corps and making appropriations of designated sums for its pay, it enacts that no part of these appropriations shall be expended unless officers and enlisted men shall serve, as has heretofore been the case, on board all battleships and armored cruisers, in detachments of not less than 8 per cent of the strength of the enlisted men of the navy on said vessels."

Congress Must Be Obedied. "Article 2, section 2, of the Constitution provides that the President shall be the commander-in-chief of the army and navy of the United States, and of the militia of the several states when called into the actual service of the United States," and section 3 requires that he shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed."

"Therefore, in the discharge of his powers and duties as commander-in-chief, the President desires to direct the Marine Corps to perform duty on board all battleships and armored cruisers, in detachments of not less than 8 per cent of the strength of the enlisted men of the navy on said vessels."

"Inasmuch as Congress has power to create or not to create, as it shall deem expedient, a marine corps, it has power to create corps, make appropriations for its pay, but provide that such appropriations shall not be available unless the marine corps be employed in some designated way, and I therefore am of opinion that the provision of the statute to which you direct my attention is constitutional."

Fanny Dowler, widow of F. A. Dowler, who died a few years ago, is dead at Bristol, Va., aged seventy-three years. She was a native of Snowville, Pulaski county, Va., being a daughter of Ashel Snow, founder of Snowville.

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TOMORROW Is the Last Day of J. G. Pattee Company's Bankrupt Sale.

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More Care in Transmitting Money and Correspondence.

A decrease of 10 per cent is shown in the amount of undelivered mail matter received at the division of dead letters during the first three months of 1909, as compared with the same period in 1908, the number of pieces received being 3,015,642 and 3,374,739, respectively. The number of letters containing money shows a decrease from 20,853 to 18,766, which is particularly gratifying to the Post Office Department officials, as showing more care in transmitting money.

Much of the falling off in the number of dead letters is due to the so-called campaign of education inaugurated by the department several months ago, which includes the distribution to the public of a pamphlet containing essential postal information and a model form of address.

In addition to the regular return from post offices of dead letters and packages, thousands of post cards come to the dead letter division every day, and, not being a returnable class of matter, are simply destroyed. Many of these cards are mailed without stamps affixed, some are wrongly addressed and others are of a kind not admitted to the mails, of which cards are embellished with tinsel, mica and similar substances form a large portion.

Although a rule has been adopted declaring such cards to be unmailable unless enclosed in an envelope or other wrapper, and sealed in such manner that the particles cannot escape, it is evident

that many dealers are disposing of the cards to purchasers who are ignorant of the rule. Many of the cards are enclosed in wrappers made of onion skin or other flimsy paper, which does not remain sealed, and they are consequently withdrawn from the mails. The safest way of treating these unsealed cards is by inclosing them in an ordinary letter envelope, properly sealed and a two-cent stamp affixed.

RETURNED TO THE STREAM.

Hull of the Fairbanks Rebuilt and Boat Overhauled.

The power launch Fairbanks, owned by Commodore Thomas Tennesson and others of this city, which has been out of the water at Bennett's boatyard since early in the past winter, was put overboard yesterday afternoon and thought that she will take a party down the river Sunday if the weather is good. During the past three weeks the hull of the Fairbanks has been rebuilt and the boat has been put in first-class order for cruising work on the river in the coming summer months. The engine has been overhauled and it is thought that the boat will be considerably faster this year than she was last.

The sloop rigged auxiliary power boat Itara, owned by Judge Daniel T. Wright, which was hauled out on the marine rail way at Regan's boatyard for its spring launch in the past winter, is having hull repairs made preparatory to being painted and made ready for service. The launch will be put overboard about the middle of the coming week.

Clemens Adds Land to His Farm.

REDDING, Conn., April 9.—Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) has purchased 150 acres of land adjoining his recently acquired property. The "farm," as the author calls his estate, now comprises 350 acres of agricultural and wooded tracts, near the center of which is the Clemens home. The house, a most inviting abode, rises from a knoll that commands a far view of the surrounding country.